hat shop. Cancemi is a Catholic, and brought with him from New-York a very large cross, and heads, which he is allowed to take into his cell for religious purposes.

BENJAMIN GREER,

"Confidence Operator" the second.

The adroit individual who did so much in this region some years ago to elevate the "Confidence Game" to the dignity of an art, and afterward died in Sing Sing Prison, was known by the name of Thompson. Mr. Greer never laid claim to so lofty an order of talent as his predecessor, but met with quite as brilliant success in the ourset of his brief career. He is now about 42 years of age, of pleasing address, fine features and intelligent countenance. Formerly he was associate editor of journals of repute in Philadelphia, Cincinnati, and elsewhere. Since arriving at the prison he has resumed "operations," and gained the complete confidence of its officers-not, however, by old tricks, but by a proper demeasor and strict observance of rules. During this time he has acted as bookkeeper in the saw-shop and (latterly) assistant in the hospital. Greer's history is truly a checkered and sad one. In 1855 he married a young and beautiful woman, his second wife, in the State of Ohio, whose only personal defect was a partial deafness. With a view to place her within reach of the most skillful surgical treatment, he came to New-York soon after marriage, and in a short time was gratified to learn that her case was not a hopeless one. His wife had been bred in fashionable society, and like many other daughters of Eve, was reckless of expenditure. She and her husband took lodgings in a boarding house above Bleecker, and what with medical bills, landady's charges and shopkcepers' invoices, Greer's purse strings were kept pretty well drawn. On arriv ing in New-York he had some ready money, and was also in semi-annual receipt of interest from a small estate held in trust by him for the children of his first marriage. Meantime, he sought employment, and failed to obtain any. In the course of five or aix months his cash in hand gave out, and furthermore, the expected interest money was not forthcoming, its payment, as it afterward appeared, having been enjoined by his deceased wife's relatives. Pretty soon he found himself in difficulty. He had represented himself to his wife as well to do, and she believed he was able to support them both in the style they were living in. But Greersaw that something must be done speedily to avert a painful catastrophe, and after revolving several plans in his mind, se-lected that of the illustrious Thompson. Calling on several down-town dry goods jobbers, he announced himself a Western merchant, and a cash purchaser. He had no previous introduction in either case, and was astonished at the ease with which he gained their confidence. [Mr. Greer evidently had no previous acquaintance with our city merchants, or he would not have been surprised at the readiness with which they extend credit to John Doe, Richard Roe and Bob Sawyer.) His method was to order a bill of goods sent to a house where he was buying another bill, receive the package personally, and draw a check for the amount of the purchase. Out of eight cases of this kind, he says, his check seemingly was taken without suspicion. Greer had begun to sell these goods at a sacrifice, when the bogus checks began to come back on the ineautious jobbers, and the delinquent was duly overhauled. Greer pleaded guilty to one of the indictments, with the understanding, he says, that the others should never be prosecuted, and was sent to Sing Sing by Recorder Smith, March 12, 1856, for a term of three years. He will be out in about two months, previous to which he intends to petition Gov. Morgan for a full pardon. Greer has gained an

ing no opposition when the papers were served on him. Greer has some property left, and says he intends to make restitut on to his creditors to the extent of his ability, after leaving the prison. WILLIAM JONES.

excellent reputation for good conduct among the prison

officials, and of late has become religiously inclined.

He says he shall never hereafter practice any confi-

dence game which is contrary to law and sound morals.

Besides the degradation of being a convicted felon, the conduct of his wife has caused him much mental

suffering. Soon after he first went to prison, his wife

returned to her friends in the State of Ohio, but in the

course of a few months made her appearance at the

prison, and requested of her husband an advance of funds. He was unable to respond, and she soon after

went to Indianapolis, and procured a divorce-he mak-

The Sixth Term Man.

Jones alias Murray alias Smith alias Tom Tinker alias any body, seems to feel a strong regard for the walls of the marble palace, as he is now in there for the sixth time, and yet is only 36 years old. He was out for three months in the Spring of 1857, but was sent back again for five years. The occasion was overy of his attempt to practice the illegal arts of burglary-in which he is said to be a proficient. Jones is an excellent draughtsman, and is employed to pre-

pare designs in the tapestry shop.

Down spence, Stop.

Operator in the Panel Game.

This young man, who is only 25 years old, and has a most respectable wife and pious parents now residing in Morrisania, was led by his previous habits to engage in a panel crib in Hudson street. On the evening of Thanksgiving Day, 1857, a gambler named Lawrence Riley, who afterward al eged that he was somewhat "tight," and who had bank notes with him to the amount of several hundred dollars, was brought to the house. Spence entered the apartment stealthily with a false key, and selected \$270 in notes from his wallet, and then decamped. He soonafter fell into the bands of justice; and was convicted along with his confederates, and sent to hard labor for four years and nine months. Last Winter, he made one of a party of several who tried, unsuccessfully, to escape from prison on the ice. Two pistol balls coming in violent contact with his person, laid him up in the hospital for several weeks. He is now in good health, and performs with alacrity his diurnal duties in the saw shop.

JOHN HENNEGAN,
Judge Russell's 40 years man.
At the time the practice of garroting was fashionable, a gentleman named Travers was walking through Forty-second street in the evening, in company with his wife, when he was assailed by five men, garroted and robbed of what money he had about him, amounting to about 75 cents. One of them named John Hennegan, was soon after identified by the victim and arrested. The delinquent was tried in the Court of General Sessions, found guilty and sentenced by Judge Russell to imprisonment for 40 years. He is an Irishman, 22 years of age, and at present works in the file shop. He has 38 years and 9 months to remain in confinement.

CHAUNCEY JOHNSON. The Bank and Store Robber

Several years ago a person—evidently no tyro at that business—walked boldly, at midday, behind the railing in the office of the Bank of the State of New-York, in this city, and belped himself to a large package of the notes of the bank just prepared for circulation. No one present witnessed the act, and it was only by sheer carelessness on the part of the thief that the robbery was traced to him, and nearly the whole amount-\$36,000-recovered. For this achievement he did the State service during the next three years and a half, closing his engagement at Sing Sing in July, 1857. This man inknown as Chauncey Johnson. Scarcely had he been out of prison a few months when he shared the dangers, and expected to share the profits, with two notorious burglars in the invasion of a cloth store at the corner of Church and Duane streets. After getting about \$6,000 worth of goods into the street, the party was dispersed by the police, the goods recovered, and Chauncey taken to the Station-House. For this offense he was again sentenced to Sing Sing in January last, and will have to remain there three years and a quarter from this time. is now engaged in the cabinet shop, where his bealth has greatly improved of late. He has passed az years in prison before the present term. Channey 32 years old; spare in person, pale in complexion, urbane and courteous, but hypocritical and deprayed. PETER DAWSON.

Pete Dawson, "King of the Fourth Ward," who lately arrived at the prison, has been assigned to the auger contract. There is a rumor that an effort is soon to be made to procure him a new trial.

MOLL HODGES.

Panel-Crib Keeper. This woman is considered at the prison as pos-sessing in no small degree the quality described as kindness of heart, and this is, perhaps, her sole redeeming trait. She is fat, faded, and forty-five, and an offender of long standing. She was coproprietor with John Spence, of the premises No. 14 Hadson street, where Riley was robbed by the panel process, as previously related.

MARY ANN JOHNSON.

Shoplifter.

Mary Ann Johnson came to New-York City a year or so ago from Williamsburgh, where she pretended to have a husband, and to occupy her spare time with sewing on parasols. She brought her work with her, and put up at the house of a friend, intending to pass a few pleasant days as humor might suggest. While here she became acquainted with a Mrs. White, and that lady persuaded her to visit Stewart's dry goods store, where the twain were unfortunately detected in purloining some silks and satins. This was Mrs. White's first offerse, but not so with Mrs. Johnson. The latter was sent to Sing Sing, and is now employed on plain sewing. She does not seem to be in high favor with the Matron and her assistants.

MRS. HENRIETTA ROBINSON. Mrs. Henrietta Robinson, the "vailed murderess," affects as much mystery as ever, and there are those who still believe her at least partially income. She pretends to understand the black art, and to exercise spells and charms on her enemies. Sometimes she makes herself visible to visitors, and at others shirks out of sight in s corner of her cell. For the last year she has been permitted to keep her "room," on account of the petly annoyances she was accustomed to inflict on her fellow-convicts whenever set to work. The question as to her education and lingual accomplishments is still undecided at the Prison, but it is certain that she speaks English with fluency, and writes a very creditable letter. She is not select in her use of language at all times, and occasionally indulges, before her keepers. in billingsgate and low profacity. In short, she is neither a profitable nor a welcome inmate at the Sing Sing institution. Mrs. Robinson, it will be recollected, was convicted of the murcer of Timothy Lansgan, an Irish groceryman, and his sister-in law, Catharine Lubee, in the City of Troy, on the 25th of May, 1853. The sentence of death was commuted by Gov. Clark to imprisonment for life, and she has been in Sing Sing

Mrs. Littles, who was an accomplice in the murder of her husband at Rochester less than a year since, for which crime her brother, Ira Stout, was hanged some months ago, has been a near neighbor of Mr. Robinson since last July. In stature she is good-ized, of fair complexion and modest countenance, and behaves with much modesty and decorum. Her features indicate anything but a malignant disposition, and are not of the usual stereotype order found in penal establishments. She is employed in the general sewing de-

ARMY AND NAVAL INTELLIGENCE.

The War Department has received the minutes of the General Court Martial, convened at Fort Randall, Nebraska, for the trial of Lieutenant Lee, second infantry, and has confirmed the decision of the Court, honorably acquitting that officer. Licutenant Lee will therefore resume his duties. Another Court Martial, which has not yet concluded its business, has been called to try Lieutenant Hunter, also of the second, on charges not yet allowed to be published.

In consequence of the many assaults made upon the officers and men stationed at Camp Floyd, Utah Territory, by citizens, an order, with the rumored sanction of the War Department, has been issued to the effect that all soldiers who, for the future, may be required to go on duty in public places, will be armed so that they can defend themselves in case of attack. Assistant-Surgeon Corey and Lieutenant Sanders, two officers who were assaulted by the mob, have recovered from

the effects of their wounds and are doing well.

The gross amount of disbursements at the Brooklyn Navy Yard for the year ending 31st December, 1858, was \$1,086,607 20, of which \$872,013 68 was paid to 40,327 mechanics and laborers; and \$214,593 52 to officers. The largest number of hands employed at any one time was 2,300, and the smallest 1,600; the present force is a trifle over 1,900.

By order from the Secretary of the Navy, Chief-Engineer King on Thursday submitted his official report relative to the United States steam sloop-of-war Brooklyn. The substance of it is that the vessel has answered the letter of the contract in every particular, as regards her machinery; and that Mr. King considers her the best ship of her class he has yet seen. Today, with all due ceremony, she will be turned over to the care of the Government officials, who have instructions to fit her out for sea at once. As she is nearly ready, there will not be much delay in getting her off. The frigate Constitution, now at the Navy Yard, Portsmouth, N. H., has been ordered for sea duty early next Summer. Hands will be put to work on her

Surgeon Williamson, who died at Norfolk on Wednes day last, was the oldest medical officer but two, in the Navy. He was 46 years in the service, of which he spent nearly 12 at sea.

MARINE AFFAIRS.

WINDS AND CURRENTS.

Admiral De Chabaunes, of the French Navy, has undertaken to construct upon a large scale and with great minuteness, a series of Pilot Charts, or tables of the winds and currents of the Coast of Brazil, which promises to be of great value to the practical navigator. Lieut. Maury requests that those trading to the Brazils who are cooperating with him, will have the kindness to contribute each his might to this undertaking, by sending to the Admiral, in care of the French Consul at Rio, extracts from their log for so much of the voyage as may lie between the Line and the River. The extracts should differ from the abstract log in this: The abstract log requires the winds to be entered three times a day, those extracts should give them for every

The screw of the steamship Saxonia was destroyed on Monday last while on the Dry Dock in the East River, the intense cold causing it to crack in several

places. COLLINS STEAMERS-NEW OCEAN LINE. A private letter from Paris states that a French Company, or gamined at the wish of the Emperor, are about to purchase the Collins steamers, to be placed with others as a regular line of packets between France and New-York, the French Government having agreed to pay to the Company a yearly sum of the Company and the Collins steamers will be effected through the personal agency of Capt Comstock.

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We copy the above for the purpose of contradicting, on authority, the several statements it contains. The extravagance of the sum named as a subsidy is of itself sufficient to call the whole story in question. The sum of 15,000,000 francs, or \$3,000,000, would be sufficient to buy a respectable line of steamers outright.

The whale fishery may be likened to a lottery—to some it brings wealth, while, to others, investments in this hazardous enterprise are but poorly rewarded. From information we have received from one of our most reliable merchants, it is cetimated that the fleet of whale ships to arrive the present year, will result.

most reliable merchants, it is estimated that the fleet of whale ships to arrive the present year, will result in a loss to their owners of a sum varying but little from \$1,000,000. This enormous loss is attributed to various causes—the ill-success of the fleet, the fall in the price of oil, the extravagance of fitting, and the bad management of masters in the refitting of ships principally at the Sandwich Islands.

[New-Bedford Mercury.

THE SEVERE COLD IN ST. LAWRENCE CO. All night long, both Saturday and Sunday, the action of the freet upon the ground, sidewalks, buildings and the freet upon the ground, sidewarks, buildings and trees, produced frequent reports not unike the sound of discharged fire-arms and field batteries. The part-ing of spikes in the sidewarks, and the nails in build-ings, afforded a representation of "sorimmange," keep-ing up a continuous pop, and frequently several letting go together. [Republican. BROOKLYN MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

The first annual meeting of the Brooklyn Mercantile Library Association was held on Thursday evening, at the Athengum. About 500 ladies and gentlemen were present. Mr. LEWIS ROBERTS, President of the Associstion, called the meeting to order, and introduced Mr. CHARLES S. FARLEY, the Secretary, who submitted the minutes of previous meetings, embracing the de-

tails of the organization of the Library. Mr. H. P. JOURNEAY presented his report as Treasurer, which was received with applause, and accepted. It reads as follows:

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of Managers for the year. It began with a general review of the events which led to the founding of the Association and the initiatory steps toward its organization. The Atheneum Association offered them accommodations on very favorable terms, the library and reading rooms being almost rent-free for five years, added to which 4,000 volumes belonging to the Atheraum to which \$500 worth of new books are annually added, were generously placed at their disposal. During the year they had enrolled 1,511 aenual members, of whom 100 were females, 481 of these had subscribed \$5 each, 1,030 became members by the payment of \$1 initiation fee and \$2 a year, 41 persons had become life members by the subscription of \$100 each, and 47 at \$50 each. The Board also bestowed each, and 47 at \$50 each. The Board also bestowed honorary memberships upon the Rev. R. S. Storrs, the Rev. H. W. Beecher, the Rev. E. H. Chapin, John H. Raymond, LL. D., Geo. W. Curtis, and A. Oakey Had, for valuable services rendered. When the Library was opened in May last, there were 7,000 volumes upon the shelves, which have since been increased to 11,400 volumes. The Library embraces the standard works of reference, and a general range in literature, science and art. The Board "hopes to "receave from some of the Astors of Brooklyn a sun 'ardiacut, to give them in a few years a library of "receive from some of the Astors of Brooklyn a sum
"sufficient to give them in a few years a library of
"circulation and reference worthy of the population and
"intelligence of Brooklyn." During the eight months
since the Library was opened, over 20,000 vols, have
been taken out by 1,350 different persons. There are
87 different magazines, reviews and journals on the
files of the reading room, embracing the best periodical publications of this country and Europe. After
business hours, the rooms of the library are crowded
with the most active and promising young men of
the city, ambitious of self-culture, and the refining influences of a healthy literature. For the ladies, a sepstrate reading-room is provided, of which they very
generally avail themselves. The Board congratulated
the Association upon having passed through its first
year free from debt, with every prospect of doing generally avail themselves. The Board congratulated the Association upon having passed through its first year free from debt, with every prospect of doing still better this year. During this session of the Legislature, application has been made for a chatter. Up to this time, 14 lectures have been given under the anspices of the Association, with a net profit of \$1,345.64. The gratuitous services of Messrs, Beecher, Chapin, Storrs and Cartis, in lecturing for the benefit of the Association, at the outset of its career, were gratefully acknowledged. Classes in French, German and Spanish, have been formed under competent linguists, but the Board could not, at present, speak of the results.

An agreeable feature in the Literary rooms is the introduction of works of art by Brooklyn artists for exhibition, free of charge. It is designed to afford excellent racalities for the display of paintings, drawings and sculpture.

ings and sculpture.

Honorable mention was made of the various patrons

of the Library, the and ence ratifying the report by vehement applause. The report concluded as fol-

"Hitherto Brooklyn has hardly had a substantive existence; we have been regarded as a suburb of the great Metropolis. But the springs of Long Island are now pouring their treasures of health and cleanliness through our streets. Our own Library, Reading-rooms and course of Lectures, are established; the Polytechnic and Parker Institutes, with our great system of common schools and other large institutions for private instruction exist and flourish, a Gallery of Art is in promise, and the Academy of Music of our for private instruction exist and hourse, a Gauery of Art is in promise, and the Academy of Music of our own city, is undoubtedly to be; we shall thus have a distinct, moral, artistic and literary life, having the means of the highest culture and development within

our own beautiful borders.

A. A. Low, esq., in rising to move the adoption of the report, desired to be considered a life member, at whatever might be the cost, and closed by making a few general remarks upon the merits of this Associaand its beneficial operation upon the young men

Some changes in the constitution and by-laws were

made.
After listening to addresses from S. B. CHITTENDEN, esq., Jas. P. Wallace, esq., and other friends, and heartily thanking the officers of the Association, the cuthusiastic assemblage dispersed.

ROOKS RECEIVED.

The Pioneers; or, The Sources of the Susquehanna. By J. Fenimore Cooper. Illustrated from Drawings by F. O. C. Darley. 12 mo. pp. 505. W. A. Townsend & Co. The Mine; or, Darhess and Light. By A. L. O. E. 18 mo. pp. 212. R. Carter & Brothers.
Eddy Ellerslie; or, Old Friends with New Farca. By A. L. O. E. 18 mo. pp. 154. The Same.
Christ and the Inheritance of the States. By Thomas Outhrie, D. D. 12 mo. pp. 344. The Same.
The Prince of the House of David. By the Rev. J. H. Ingraham. New Edition. 12 mo. pp. 472. Pudney & Rossell. History of the Patriarchs, for the Young. English and German. 18 mo. 384. American Tract Society.
The Manual of Chess. By Charles Kenny. 13 mo. pp. 122. D. Appleton & Co. Lectures and Addresses on Literary and Social Topies. By the

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Lectures and Addresses on Literary and Social Topies. By the
late the Rev. Frederic W. Robertson, M. A. 12 mo. pp.
318. Theknor & Fields.

What Will He Do With It? By Sir E. Bulwer Lytton, Bart.

8vo. Harper & Brothers.

FIRES.

The alarm of fire in the VIIth District on Friday morning was caused by sparks issuing from a chimney corner of Pearl and State streets.

CITY ITEMS.

SALT ON SNOW. -- We notice that an ordinance has passed one Board of the Common Council to prevent the use of salt in Broadway. It is hardly possible that the law will be enacted. Salt gives an excellent footing for horses and pedestrians, and rapidly melts the ice and snow. By its use the street can be cleared in a quarter of the time required without it; and it interferes only with a few fast men who wish to show their sleighs. Unless we have at least two feet of snow and very cold weather, there can be no tolerable sleighing in Broadway; and it is an act of mercy to man and beast to clear it as soon as possible. It is just as proper to prohibit ashes upon icy sidewalks as to deny salt to the slippery Russ pavement.

ASTRONOMY.-Prof. O. M. Mitchell of Cincinnati commenced a course of astronomical lectures last night at the Academy of Music, when, notwithstanding the very unpleasant weather, such is the fame of the lecturer, the Academy was filled with an immense crowd, even to the very topmost tier. The subject of the first lecture was the "Translation from Ancient to "Modern Astronomy, and the Discovery of the Laws "of Motion and Gravitation," going back to astro-nomical signs and calculations which bear date 2,891 years before the Christian area, and showing the transition from the crude and scanty astronomical knowledge of that day to the more extensive information which we now possess. He was listened to with the greatest attention throughout the entire lecture; his voice filled the building, and his frequent bursts of elequence were greated with the most hearty applause.

SOLIDARITY OF THE NATIONS .- A " Manifestation of the Solidarity of the Nations" was given at the

Metropolitan Rooms last night. Dr. Fuester, Signor Corracti, Dr. Spaczek, Gustav Struve, Mr. Kapf, and other speakers made addresses in various languages. The present and the future of Italy were the principal themes of conversation.

Law LECTURES,-Judge Clerke will repeat his lecture on the Marriage Relation, in the Law Lecture Room of the University, on Monday evening next, at 71 o'clock. The operation of the acts of 1848 and 1849 upon this relation, will be examined. Members of the bar, and students of law generally, are invited

AMERICAN ANTIQUITIES, -The American Ethnological Society, with the view of premoting inquiry and feetering Archæological research, have invited Dr. De Hass, whose attention has long been directed to the subject of American actiquities, to give a course of lectures embodying the results of his actiquarian investigations, and also of his recent explorations at the West. The lectures will be delivered in the hall of the Library of the New-York Historical Society, beginting this evening.

Lawrence Labree, a gentleman well known in literary circles here, died on Thursday, after a painful and protracted illness, at his late residence in Hoboken, in the 45th year of his age. At the time of his death deceased was an assistant editor of The Sunday Atlas, a position which he had filled for sevaral years past.

The Rev. Mr. Jackson, an eloquent and popular Methodist preacher from Indiana, is preaching with great effect to large congregations, in the Greene street M. E. Church fthe Ray, Mr. Corbet'al. past two weeks, about forty have professed to have been converted.

THE PRINTERS .- The anniversary of Franklin's Birthday will be observed on Monday night, by the New-York Typographical Society, at Niblo's. Mayor Tiemann will preside, and several eminent speakers will be present. "Little Ella" will give one of her readings, and many other interesting features are on the programme.

The steamboat Alice Price, is the only Shrewsbury beat now running. She leaves daily from Robinson street pier at two o'clock for Port Monmouth, where stages connect for Red Bank, Shrewsbury, &c.

Young Man's Christian Union .- The annual meeting of the Young Men's Christian Union was held on Wednesday evening last, when the following officers

Wednesday evening last, when the ionowing officers were elected for the ensuing year:
President, Richard Warren: Vice-Presidents, Augustus F. Dow, Quinten McAdam, William W. Badger: Corresponding Secretary, Orren Hutchinson: Recording Secretary, William J. Martin: Treasurer, Franklin Johnson: Directors, Salem T. Russell, E. Howe, Jr., D. B. Halstei, Thomas Wilson, Francis Bouneaut, Henry Stone, Benjamin S. Raynor, J. Coshing, Jr.; Acvisers, Peter Cooper, Caleb Barslow, Charles Smilivan, D. D. T. Marshall, George W. Pistr, F. A. Palmer, Abram J. Post, Robert N. White, Daniel French.

MORTALITY AMONG THE HOGS .- The Mayor has received information that an epidemic of a very serious nature has broken out among the hogs at a distillery in Millstone, New Jersey, near Raritan. It is stated that nearly a hundred hogs are carried off by it daily, and that as soon as the keepers of the pens observe the hogs to stagger, they knock them over and drag them out for the butchers to pick up. The carcasses are dressed and sent to the New-York market. This epidemic, it is to be feared, will extend, and coming at a time when it may be reasonably doubted if we have a Cily Inspector.

A PRECOCIUS YOUTH .- Some time ago the keys belonging to William Henry, proprietor of a grocery store No. 225 Delancey street, were taken from his pantaloons pocket during the night, the trunk opened and \$70 in gold taken therefrom. Who took the money no one knew, and Mr. Henry was at a loss whom to suspect. The developements of a few days caused suspicion to fall upon a boy named John McDavitt, son of the landlady with whom Henry boarded. John was followed to the Bowery Theater every evening, and thence, between the acts, to the liquor sa loons in the neighborhood, where he was observed to spend money most lavishly. He would call for a drink and throw down a quarter of a dollar in payment therefor, and leave the place without taking his change. The conduct of the fast youth a tracted the attention of Officer Jourdan of the Sixth Precinct, who watched his movements and discovered that he spent up ward of \$18 in one week at the theater bar for brandy smashes, hot rum, gin cocktails and other fancy drinks. The young fellow was very lavish with his money, and had a string of acquaintances who always accompanied him to the bar. Officer Jourdan finally came to the conclusion that he did not get the money which he spent in an honest manner, and determined to investigate the matter. On Thursday night, while in the bar-room, the officer gently tapped him on the shoulder and desired a few minutes private conversation. McDavitt's acquaintances, knowing the officer, made themselves perceptibly scarce. Jourdan had no sooner touched upon the subject of money matters than the youth fully confessed to the larcecy, ac knowledging that be took Henry's keys, and opening the trunk stole the \$70. Justice Connolly committed the accused for examination.

THE ATHENAUM .- The first meeting of the memers of the new Athenseum Club, at their new rooms No. 48 Clinton place, took place on Wednesday even-ing. This new association embraces mainly literary gentlemen of our own city, connected with the daily or gentlemen of our own city, connected with the daily or periodical press, authors, members of the Bar, and the clergy. The club rooms will be opened every day and evening (except Sanday), for the use of the members, and will be furnished with the best English and American periodicals of the day. The President of this new association is Charlis King, eq., of Colombia College, Vice-President, George Foisom, esq. About two hundred members are already enrolled from this city, and sixty or more from other cities. The editorial corps of this city is liberally represented, as well as the Bar. Six or eight of our most eminent clergymen of New-York and Brooklyn belong to the "Athenaeum," all of whom are noted as authors. The new club, therefore, assumes a shape under most favorable auspices, and will serve to bring together many who otherwise would long have remained unknown to each other.

[Courier & Eaq.]

CARD.

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To the Editor of The N. Y. Tribune.

Siz: The undersigned is informed that his name has been published as a Manager of the Fair of the American Union of Inventors. As this has been done without his consent, and against his wishes, he hereby notifies the public that the use of his name is totally unauthorized, and he hereby disclaims all connection with the enterprise. with the enterprise.

January 14, 1859. PETER COOPER.

CORRECTION.
the Editor of The N. Y. Tribune.
SIR: In THE DAILY TRIBUNE, of Wednesday, Jan. To the Editor of The N. Y. Tribune.

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12, an article appeared headed "Persecution of two Sewing Girls," which is a tissue of misrepresentations and base false-hoods from beginning to et d. The unquestionable facts in the case are these: These two girls, whose real names are Adeline Bowles and Phebe Farioum, took board with Mrs. Vere at \$1 per week each, furnishing their own room. They had continued with Mrs. Vere about two months. Mrs. Vere becoming dissatisfied with some occurrences which came to her knowledge, she requested them to settle the amount due her and leave. They refused to do this, although they said they had the means. Their tone was design and the mount due her and leave. They refused to do this, although they said they had the means. Their tone was design and they opened it with another key, and as this occurred on the same day that the complaint before Jouthe Kelly was made, the tale which they took before him of being four days in a cold room, without any bed or fire, and wandering in the street one hight, is utterly false. Mrs. Vere broake-pen not runns, and took no dowing, so that their appearance before the Magistrate in a state of semi-molity was part of a vite scheme to entite unnerfixed sympatry. The door was not slammed in Adeline's faither's face. Mr. William Bowles, late of the Union Hotel: If so, how did be enter the house and attempt to force open the room door, and was only prevented by the differer called to keep the peace.

The statement under oath that Mrs. Vere committed an assent and hattery on them is faite, as they did all in that line which was done besides breaking windows and doing other coests acts. By their misseuvering they have cheated Mrs. Vere out of the ams unt due her, but have laid themselves linb's to proceedion for the N. Y. Tribune.

In the Editor of The N. Y. Tribune.

To the Editor of The N. Y. Tribune.

SIR: In your issue of this date, you mention that
A. Afried Walton was, on Wednesday last, run over by Hook
and Ladder Truck No. 6. Not wishing an undeserved odium to rest upon the name of my Company, I would respectfully ask you to correct the mistake, by stating that Mr. W. was injured by Hook and Ladder Truck No. 5.

Truck No. 8.

Yours triple.

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BROOKLYN ITEMS.

The Rev. C. L. Brace will preach on Sunday evening, at the New Chapel, corner of Clinton and Congress stree's, Brooklyn, on "The Children of the Poor.

CALL FOR A FERRY MEETING .- A call has been issued for a public meeting, to be held this (Saturday) evening, at the Odeon, for the purpose of taking meas ures to secure good ferry accommodations between Williamsburgh and New-York. The call is numerously signed by a number of the most influential citi-

STEAM ON ATLANTIC STREET .- A meeting of property owners on Atlantic and other parallel streets was held, at the corner of Atlantic and Clinton streets, last night, for the purpose of taking measures to oppose the bill before the Legislature which proposes to tax property along the line for filling up the tunnel, after the removal of the steam cars from the road. There were some twenty-five persons present, but representing a large amount of property. Measures were taken to prepare a memorial for presentation to the Legislature remonstrating against the passage of the bill. Several petitions, numerously signed, were handed in during the evening. After an interchange of opinion as to the best mode of procedure, the meet-

POLICE TELEGRAPH.—The police telegraph in the Eastern District, has been out of order during the past week, so as to render communication with the various stations impossible. The inconvenience was seriously felt on Tuesday last, the occasion of the special election in the Fourteenth Ward. If a serious disturbance had occurred at that time, the police of the Fifth Prewas, however, they were fully equal to the emergency.

WILLIAMSBURGH DISPENSARY .- Thursday evening WILLIAMSBURGH DISPENSARY.—Thursday evening the following were selected officers of this institution for the casuing year: Samuel Groves, President; John J. Hicks and Nathaniel Briggs Vice-Presidents; Samuel J. Burr, Secretary; John Broach, Tressurer, Attending Physicians—Gardes H. Honter, M. D. Duace B. Simmons, M. D., Lewis H. Junghamen, M. D. and R. H. Himman, M. D. Consulting Physicians—Drs. J. A. Brady and Nelson L. North. Consulting Surgeons—Drs. A. J. Berry and L. N. Palmer. Vikiting Physicians—Drs. D. B. Simmons and Charles H. Hunter. Apothecary—H. P. Hardeastle, who has been the apothecary of the institution since its organization.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE -T. C. Moore, H. E. Ripley, D. Sturtevant and George B. Magrath. turtevant sad George B. Magrath. Fixance Committee.—Daniel Manjer, G. C. Bennett, L. S. Iallou, W. T. Klots and P. M. Beach. Ox. Applications.—Franklin Whiting, H. E. Ripley and Demas bitong.
ON SUPPLIES.—L. Darbee, O. T. Bennett and G. S. Harding.

FIRE DEPARTMENT, E. D.—On Thursday night the following were elected officers of the Board of Representatives of the Eastern District Fire Department for the ensoing year: Charles C. Talbott, of Engine No. 6, President; Charles W. Cheshire, of Hook and Ladder No. 3, Vee-Fresident R. C. Hendricks, of Engine No. 9, Socretary R. Thursby, of Engine No. 12, Treasurer; Owen Demnir, of Engine No. 10, Cheshire, No. 10, Cheshire, the funds of the Department are in a flourishing condition, there being \$13,000 in bonds and brigages and \$1,500 in cash.

PROBABLE FATAL ACCIDENT FROM BURNING PROBABLE FATAL ACCIDENT FROM BURNING FULTD.—A most distressing accident occurred on Friday night, which will, its feared, result fatally, and which was caused by the careless use of burning fluid. A young lady named Elizabeth Strickiand, daughter of Mr. Jacob Strickiand, residing at No. 24 Devoe street, E. D., was in the basement moment her mother and little brother when she took up a glass lamp containing fluid for the purpose of lighting it. One of the tubes had a wick in it, and the other had not. She went to the stove, and in attempting to light the wick at the grate the fluid spirted out, and the flames communicating with the fluid inside burst the ismp enveloping her in flames instantly. Her mother endeavored to extinguish the fire, but before it could be done, her daugher's clother were entirely burned off her, and her body burned she ut the hands and arms, and the little boy had one of his legs burned. Dr. Cleveland was immediately called in and attended them, but the injuries of Miss Elizabeth are of oserious a nature that her recovery is considered extremely doubtful. The mother and son are not seriously injured.

Revocation of Deputy Shekkips, Warrants.—Sheriff Remsen has revoked the warrants of nearly all the out-Sheriff Remen has revoked the warrants of nearly all the side Deputies, numbering some forty. Those in the office about the Courts are retained, being sufficient to transact

WESTERN DISTRICT FIRE DEPARTMENT .- At an western District Fire Department, Western District, beld on Thursday night, the following were chosen: President, John C. Rosch, Vice-President, Cornelius B. Timson; Recording Secretary, John B. Pitt; Financial Secretary, William E. Sprague; Treasurer, Henry Oskley.

ROBBERIES .- The house of Mr. Charles Miller, No. 197 Atlantic street, was entered by sneak thieves on Thursday aftermoon and robbed of a lacy's silk dress. Two fellows were seen to leave the house by the servant, who suspected nothing wrong at the time.

The money-drawer, with contents, in the store of Mr. Riley, Corner of Fulton avenue and Aleiphi streets, was carried away by some this!. The drawer, without the money, was subsequently found in a vascat lot.

THE CENTRAL BANK.—Mr. Thomas Rowe of the firm of T. & A L. Rowe was elected President of this institu-tion at the last sunual meeting.

NEW-JERSEY ITEMS.

THE CHARGE OF MURDER AGAINST KILKARY .-- A paragraph appeared in THE TRIBUNE a short hims ince, in reference to the Grand Jury having ignored the charge of murder brought sgainst the man Kilkary, who was recently arrested at Rahway on suspicion of having caused the death of his wife by strangulation. Mr. George W. Bushnell, counsel for the accured, states that the paragraph misrepresents the facts, and that the woman undoubtedly died in a fit of intexication, being excessive in her habitual use of

THE NEW-JERSEY COURT OF CHANCERY.—Quite a discussion is growing up in New-Jersey in reference to the abolishment of this Court. The Source Register, Trenton Republican and other journals, warmly favor its abolishment, but this is oposed in other journals, warmly favor its abolishment, but this is oposed in other journals, warmly favor its appointing Chancellor Williamson (Dem.) is introduced as an issue, and here there is a great diversity of opinion, though the general opinion favors his re appointment to the office he has so long and faithfully filled. The Trenton True Democrat, in a reconstanticle on this subject, argues decidedly against the abolition of the Court, instant that evil would result thereform. "The experiment of "abolishing the Court has been tried in New York, and in its place they have now six-mat-thirty/cours of Chancery's form "and proceeding, though not one in name; and so it would be in this, or any other State that abould belittle steal by following

strong drink.

"the New York experiment." A Court of Chancery in form of fact, The Democraturges, unset exist somewhere, and it considers it better to retain it in its present or improved shape, than to abolish it altogether.

LAW INTELLIGENCE.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT-JAN. 14.-Before ADOPTION OF NEW RULES-INFORTANT TO ATTORNEYS.

Judge Betts has promulgated the following, which

Judge Betts has promulgated the following, which will be of considerable interest to members of the Bar:
In view of the accumulation of business and of the impediments to the trial of causes accrued during the preparation of accommodations necessary for the service of the Courts and their officers, and the court-rooms and public offices attached thereto now being ready for use: therefore, to promote a speedy disposal of cases pending in this Court ready for trial, it is ordered that the following rules be appointed and promulgated, to take effect in the present Term:

RULE I.—The Court may from time to time, at its discretion, refer causes of civil and maritime jurisdiction, at issue and placed upon a trial docket for hearing, to one or more Commissioners, one of them being a protor and advected of this Court, who shall hear such causes upon the facts and the the general authority and course of the Court, and also pursuant to the general authority and course of the Court, and also pursuant to the provisions and force of Rule 4t in Admirally, adopted by the Supreme Court under and by virtue of the act of Courters approved Aug. 22, 1842.

RULE II.—The Commissioners shall conduct such haring of each cause at a single session, when the same shall not allow as a signarument of the same, except on mutual consent of the patter, or upon sufficient cause shown therefor, and also on payment of the expenses of the sittings of the adjourned day, by the party who moves for and obtains an adjournment or continuance.

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RULE IV.—The finding of the Commissioners upon
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** RULE V.—If no exceptions are filed within such time, or such further time as may be allowed by the Court, a decree may be entered in accordance with the report by the Court on motion to note day's notice.

**RULE VI.—When exceptions to a report are filed, the argument of the same shall be noticed for hearing, and placed upon the docket, like other issues; but the same shall be ranged in the fourth class upon the docket.

**RULE VII.—The Commissioners shall, when requested in writing, by either party, within four days after filing their report, file in Court their minutes of proofs and proceedings before them, within four days after such request, which minutes, if not settled and assented to by the parties, may be corrected on motion by either, made within four days after notice of the filing thereof, and shall be evidence in the cases.

**RULE VIII.—The foregoing rules shall continue in force to the close of Jennary Term next hereafter, unless sooner rescinded or modified by the Court.

UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT-JAN. 13. Before Judge THE STOLEN GOODS CASE-DISAGREEMENT OF THE

THE STOLEN GOODS CASE—DISAGREEMENT OF THE JURY.

Henry E. Dibblee et al. agt. James F. Furniss et al.

The Jury in this case came into court at noon today and stated that they could not agree upon a verdict. The Judge then discharged them as there was no probability of an agreement if they should be sent out again. It was rumored that nine of the jurors were in favor of a verdict for the plaintiff, and three opposed. By an unfortunate transposition of the names of the counsel in yesterday's report of this case, Mr. O'Conor (defendant's counsel) was made to sum up the case for the plaintiffs, and Mr. Evarts (plaintiff's counsel) to sum up for defendants.

A CUNTERTER SENTENCED.

Martin Shears, who was convicted of counterfeiting American coin in Orange County, was sentenced by the Court this morning to four years imprisonment at hard labor in the State Prison, and to pay a fine of \$5.

SUPREME COURT-CHAMBERS-JAN. 14. Before Judge

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS—JAN. 14.—Before Judge SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS—JAN. 14.—Before Judge CONTEST FOR THE CUSTODY OF A CHILD.

Thomas Reed, a bright boy, some 13 years of age, was brought before the Court this moraing, on a writ of habeas corpus, issued on the petition of Eliza Lindzey, his aunt. It appears that the boy's mother is dead, and that Felix McCabe, his step-father, who has now another wife, had put the boy to nicking rags.

Eliza was not slow in telling the Judge that she was willing to take care of Thomas, educate him, and train him up in a proper manner.

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The Judge examined the boy privately, and on returning to the Court roe a informed McCabe that the boy could go with whom he chose; and if he desired to go with his aunt, McCabe must not attempt to stop nim. If he did he would be punished severely. The Judge could not see that McCabe had any legal right to the custody of the boy, and he must allow him to go whither he pleased.

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OBTAINISG MONEY UNDER FALSE PRETENSES.

Hamlin Blake, an extensive real estate broker in William street, in this city, was arrested at his residence in Brooklyn yesterday, in a civil suit commenced against him for the recovery of a large sum of motey alleged to have been obtained by him under alse pretenses. The order of arrest was issued by Judge Sutherland, and Blake was held to bail in the sum of \$4,000.

Robert H. Ives agt. John N. Wallard.—Order BUPREME COURT-Special Term. - Jan. 14. - Before Judge

BUPREME COURT—SPREIAL TERM.—Jan. 14.—Before Judge ROOSEVELT.

John F. Butterworth, Receiver of The Island City Bank agt.

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This action is to procure a delivery to plaintiff of a premissory note for \$642. The complaint, after averting the plaintiff's appointment as Receiver, alleges that the Island City Bank was owner of the note in question; that the defendant, Broderick, who was one of the indorsers of the note, obtained from the other defendants (the maker and the other indorser) a new note in renewal of the old one, on an agreement, however, that the old note should be canceled, and until that was done the new note to be discounted by the Island City Bauk, and oxnew note to be discounted by the Island City Bank, and os-tained from the Bank the oid note, which he now holds; and that the Bank commenced soit upon the new note, but were de-feated by defendants' showing that the old note had not been surrendered to them. Plaintiff therefore demanded judgment that the old note be delivered to him, and Broderick be re-

arrained from meins on it.

The answer of Broderick alleged that Broderick himself was
the lawful holder of the note. It also denies that Broderick
ever made any agreement for the surrender of the note, as aver
red in the complaint.
To day the Judge gave judgment that the note be delivered to
the Receiver. C. A. Penbody, eaq., for plaintiff; Mr. Bradley, for defendant,

SUPERIOR COURT-SPECIAL TREM-JAM. 14.-Before
Judge Bosworth.
PLEADING-STATEMENT OF FACT AND CAUSE OF

Hepbura ag Babook.

A complaint must contain a plain and concise statement of the facts constituting a cause of action. If it contains but one cause of action, there can be but one statement of it. When no necessity is shown for stating in form several causes of action, all but one will be stricken out. This complaint contains two, and the first will be stricken out, unless the plaintiff elect that, or to amend so as to make one statement. He may do either on payment of \$7 costs of this motion.

Before Judge Moscasir.

Darius Geer agt. Louve Pignolet.—Motion to set off judgments against the judgment in this action donied, with \$10 costs.

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS—Fainar, Jan. id.—

Before the City Junez.

At the opening of Court, John Queenzer, aged 17 years, pleaded gully to an attempt at burglary in the third degree, in breaking into the store of David S. Brown, No. 19 Fockarin, on 36th ult., and was remanded for sentence.

Joseph Long, aged 19 years, and John H. Blanchard, aged 18 years, indicated for burglary at the dwelling-bouse of Barrat, La-Salomoto, No. 99 McDougal street, on the 9th ult., were seek convicted of attempt at burglary in the first degree, and contended to the State Prison for four years and nine months.

Jacob Herman was tried and convicted of asseult and battery with intent to kill Jacob Eichel, on the 31st July, 1857. Sentence reserved.

Autome Liant pleaded gully to an attempt at grand larcony, in stealing a dress and beestiph from Jace Prison for two years.

Mary Kwrrigan, aged 16 years, pleaded gully to petit larcony, in stealing a dress and breestiph from Jace Prison Sc. Catharine Davis pleaded gully to an attempt at grand larcony, in stealing 452 from Mary Husson of No. 13 Weshington street. Sentence reserved.

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Ancrew Fowler was tried and acquitted on a charge of grand larcony.

James, Brady, indicted for an assault and bettery with intent. COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS-PRIDAY, Jan. 14 .-

James Brady, indicted for an assault and battery with intests to kill John Burke, was convicted of assault and battery only,

to kill John Burke, was convicted of assault and battery only, and remanded for sentence.

James Buffy pleaded guilty to petit larceny, and was sentenced to the Peulientiary for six months.

Jean Bosquet was arraigned for the morder of the Italian boy, Martino, on the 22d alls, in Ganal street, whom he stabled, was arraigned and, through an interpreter, pleaded. Not Guinty. He will be tried during the ensuing week.

On Monday the case of Stephens, the alleged wife poisoner, will be tried. Adjourned for the day.

BROOKLYN CITY COURT.-JAN. 15.-Before Judge

Catharine Tilton ast George S. Middleton.

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This was an action for damages arising out of the destruction of rose bushes on pisintif's permises. In Plainfield.
N. J. The pisintif bought the house and some sores of ground. One of the inducements to purchase were the rose bushes which covered the plazas. After she had obtained the deed, tha defandant out the bushes off and carried away the roots, for which damages were claimed. The jury awarded damages were claimed. The jury awarded damages to pisintif, amounting to \$140.

ACTION FOR SLANDER.

Fanny B. Lawrence agt. James W. Kiernan.

This is an action for damages. The plaintiff is a respectable young lady, residing with her parents in Williamsburgh. Her mother, it appears, was acquainted with Kiernan's wite, who, being taken sisk in March, 1847, requested her daughter to call upon her and do some sewing. The plaintiff went and performed her duties in a few hours. Some days after Kiernan came to ner residence and charged her with taking his wife's jewelry, which she decied. The story became circulated, and caused the young lady much annoyance. She thesesapon heroght an action for damages, and a verdict for \$1,000 in her favor was rendered. This is the second trial, and the case was given to the jury last evening. They were directed to bring in a sesied verdict this morning.

KINGS COURT CALENDAR THUS DAY.

KINGS COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT—Nos. 90, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 107, 109, 110, 111, 112, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120.